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AIA SAN FRANCISCO ANNOUNCES 2018 COMMUNITY ALLIANCE AWARDS HONOREES



(SAN FRANCISCO, CA) November 14, 2018 | AIASF is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2018 Community Alliance Awards program. All honorees will be awarded at the AIASF Community Alliance Awards Ceremony on December 7 at Autodesk Gallery, 1 Market Street, San Francisco.

“The AIASF Community Alliance Awards honor the individuals, design firms, and community organizations whose overall efforts contribute to the advancement and enrichment of quality of life in the Bay Area,” states AIASF Executive Director Jennifer Jones, CAE, IOM. “This year’s honorees represent the diversity of focus and commitment that makes our city a model for community-driven impact. We’re thrilled to honor the important work taking place in a broad range of fields by these community vanguards.”

In recognition of their contributions to the advancement and enrichment of the quality of life in the Bay Area through their commitment to design excellence, AIASF strives to acknowledge these extraordinary individuals and organizations for their service to the Chapter, to the community, and to the profession. Their continued efforts to engage, educate, collaborate, and advocate elevates the value of design and its impact on the experiences of our daily lives.

Nominations were reviewed by a jury consisting of prominent members of the community, including Robin Abad Ocuillo, AIA, Senior Planner and Urban Designer at the SF Planning Department; Henry Siegel, FAIA, Co-founder of Siegel & Strain Architects; Sandra Vivanco, AIA, Founding Principal of A+D, Architecture + Design.

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ALLIANCE AWARD

To recognize individuals, firms or organizations outside the profession who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the Bay Area's built environment.

- **Civic Center Commons**
- **The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy**

CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

To recognize the work of an individual who, by their skill, professionalism, dedication, ability and commitment, or volunteer contributions, have consistently advanced the common goals of AIA SF.

- **AIASF Relocation Visioning Consultants**
- **Neal Schwartz, AIA, Schwartz and Architecture**

CITIZEN ARCHITECT AWARD

To recognize an individual who uses insight, talent, training, and experience to contribute meaningfully, beyond self, to the improvement of the community and human condition.

- **Bill Burke, AIA, PG&E**
- **June Grant, blink!LAB**
- **David Gast, AIA, Gast Architects**

EDUCATION AWARD

To recognize an organization or individual for excellence in the advancement of architectural education through teaching, design, scholarship, research, or service.

- **Gail Brager, UC Berkeley**
- **Miriam Chion, UC Berkeley**

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS AWARD

To recognize an individual Associate AIA member or an AIA Architect member who has been registered 10 years or less, or an organization that has been practicing for 10 years or less, who exemplifies the highest qualities of leadership and who has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to AIA San Francisco, to the design and construction industry, to the community, or to other professional organizations.

- **Janette Kim, All of the Above**
- **Francesca Oliveira, AIA, SOM**

FIRM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

To recognize an architecture firm for outstanding contributions to the community, advancement of the profession, intern development, or for producing distinguished architecture.

- **Paulett Taggart Architects**
- **PYATOK**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD

To recognize individuals who serve as elected or appointed officials, public administrators or institutional leaders who establish and contribute to the development of laws, regulations, policies or initiatives that promote excellence in architecture.

- **John Dennis, San Francisco Public Works**
- **Myrna Melgar, Jamestown Community Center**
- **Sarah Minick, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

MENTOR AWARD

To recognize an individual for their commitment in guiding their fellow professionals as they progress through all stages of their career.

- **AIASF Latinos in Architecture Committee**

REVITALIZATION AWARD

To recognize property owners and developers who have enhanced the community by making significant improvements to their properties, which have, in turn, had a positive impact on the surrounding area.

- **Brava Theater Center**
- **Imprint City**

SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD

To recognize an individual or organization for extended commitment to community service or significant contribution evidenced by a positive impact on urban, environmental, or neighborhood issues.

- **Sam Moss, Mission Housing Development Corporation**
- **Cindy Wu, Chinatown Community Development Center**
- **Youth Art Exchange**

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Serving the Bay Area for over a century, the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco (AIASF) strives to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area by promoting architecture and design. AIASF represents over 2,200 members practicing architecture, as well as 4,000 allied community professionals in San Francisco and Marin counties. As a resource for our members and the public, AIA San Francisco strives to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area by promoting architecture and design. We further this goal through community involvement, education, advocacy, public outreach, member services, and professional excellence.

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